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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 2001, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention set forth in Group I, including claims 1-8 and 80-84. Applicants urge the Examiner to rejoin claims of Group III (claims 17-32 and 42-57 as pertaining to IL-1 genotype) with those of Group I. Applicants traverse the Sequence Election Requirement applied to Groups I-IV. Amendments to the claims,